



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, February 5, 2024, 5:15 pm, at the Washington Town Hall

Located at 2301 Town Hall Rd

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Board Members Present: Carole Linn – Supervisor, Art Granat – Supervisor, Nancy Sobraliski – Town Clerk, and Tiffany Bolte – Town Treasurer. Absent – Jim Egan – Chairman. There were 9 other people in attendance.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all.
3. **Verification of Postings:** Sobraliski stated the agenda was properly posted at the Wild Eagle Corner Store, MJ's Wayside, the Town Hall and on the Town's website. Local news media were notified more than 24 hours in advance.
4. **Approval of the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chairman.** Motion Granat, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
5. **Approval of the previous minutes from January 8, 2024:** Motion Granat, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Bolte presented the January 2024 treasurer's report.
7. **WE Olson Library Open House:** JoAnn Gelling communicated information about the Leap Day Open House at the library scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2024 from 4 pm to 6 pm.
8. **Open Bids for Road Work:** One bid was received from Pitlik & Wick in the total amount of \$501,055.77. Motion Linn to approve Pitlik & Wick road work proposal as submitted for Shangri La Rd, Rangeline Rd, and North Military Rd to be completed by June 2024, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved
9. **Town Foreman Report:** No foreman report due to illness.
10. **Business Radio Licensing:** Sobraliski presented the radio license renewal for the town and discussion from the board and residents on the importance of maintaining the radio communications especially due to emergency events. Motion Linn to renew radio license upon confirmation with Vilas County Emergency Management, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approve. Sobraliski to confirm the validity of the renewal request with Vilas County Emergency Management to ensure the town has current frequencies.
11. **Website Rebuild Status:** Linn explained the current website is 10 years old and utilizes HTML code. The rebuild utilizes a CMS platform. The majority of the content will remain the same with aesthetic changes only. There will be new webpages for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan News and the Brush Site.

12. **Buoy Program Update:** Linn spoke about the current plan for 2024. An inventory of all the buoys has been taken and ERCLA will replace (approximately) 5 buoys each year, beginning this year. Additionally, buoy locations have not been updated for 10 years, so she worked with Mark Brenner and Vilas County on re-mapping buoy locations to ensure accuracy of placement. Linn advises ERCLA will reimburse Vilas County for the re-mapping efforts.
13. **Approval of Operator Licenses:** Clerk presented operator licenses for Juli Constine, KC Fisher, Bradley Goska, Brian Hunter, Michael Mather, Michael Tomaszewski, and Douglas Zeman. All applicants have completed the application and server course, paid the fee, and passed the background checks. Motion Linn to approve the operator licenses; seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
14. **It is anticipated that motion will be made and seconded to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.** Motion Granat to table this session until March for all board members to be present for discussion, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
15. **Topics for Town E-News:** Reminders to save the date for the annual meeting and April election. Also closure of the transfer station on Easter Sunday and current employment opportunity with town.
16. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
17. **Adjournment:** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk
Approved: 03/04/2024